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## **STUDENTMAX CONNECTIONS (SMC)**

CLINICAL PLACEMENT CONSORTIUM IN OREGON AND SW WASHINGTON

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General Partner Meeting Minutes

2:00-3:00 pm January 18, 2024

VIA TEAMS

### Members Present:

Megan Jones – Regional Coordinator  
Alicia Printemps-Herget – University of Portland  
Angie Bailey – Clark College  
Merry Bond – Lower Columbia College  
Gaby Carrillo – Sumner College  
Pamela Cortez - Clackamas Community College  
Sarah Cox – George Fox University  
Beth Doyle – Clackamas Community College  
Emily Engelmann – Concordia St. Paul University  
Kathleen Finch – Secretary and Warner Pacific University  
Jennifer Hale – OHSU  
Debra Henry – Advisor and Legacy Health  
Tatyana Kovalets – Summer College  
Imani Lindsay – Linfield University  
Meredith Nasholds – OHSU  
Carley O’Donnell – Concordia St. Paul University  
Alyssa Pete – George Fox University  
MaryBeth Piccirilli – Concordia St. Paul University  
Chelsea Podkowa – OHSU Monmouth and Ashland  
Nicole Strauss-Haebler – OHSU Portland  
Kimberly Streight – Kaiser Permanente  
Jamie Thiem – Providence  
Caroline Wildhaber – Advisor and George Fox University  
Nancy Zavala – Summer College

### Guest Presenters (Also SMC Education Partners):

Hollie Caldwell – Concordia St. Paul University  
Joane Mocerri – ARTAC Committee Member

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Call to order by Megan Jones at 2:03 pm		
Approve 11/16/2023 Minutes	Due to time restraints, this was tabled for February’s 2024 General Partners meeting.	The General Partners plan to vote on November meeting minutes at February’s meeting.
Megan Jones Update	Megan announced that she plans to vacate the Regional Coordinator position within the next 6 months.	<p>The Board of Directors plans to put together a job description and pay scale for this position that is opening. Megan intends to train the new Regional Coordinator for a couple months before vacating.</p> <p>The BOD is asking for the General partners to share this job description with those they may know interested in the position once the job description is posted.</p>
ARTAC Update – Joane Mocerri and Hollie Caldwell	<p>Reference to OAR 409-030:  <a href="https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1662">https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1662</a></p> <p>Table of standards:  <a href="https://records.sos.state.or.us/ORSOSWebDrawer/Recordhtml/7102642">https://records.sos.state.or.us/ORSOSWebDrawer/Recordhtml/7102642</a></p> <p>Highlights:</p> <p>This is the law and this with into effect on January 1, 2024.</p> <p>Opportunity for exemptions – for clinical sites and are only in place for 1 year. If clinical partners want exemption for a requirement, they must follow what is on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Committee decides the exemption is great and will make changes for all. (Ex. COVID-19 vaccination or TB outbreak)</li> <li>2. Committee decides the exemption is not valid and will not be able to be pursued again.</li> </ol>	<p>Any specific questions, follow-up with ARTAC members:</p> <p>Joane’s email  <a href="mailto:mocerri@up.edu">mocerri@up.edu</a></p> <p>Hollie’s email  <a href="mailto:hcaldwell@csp.edu">hcaldwell@csp.edu</a></p>

	<p>This law change is for only for what is required in Oregon even if there are multiple clinical sites in different states.</p> <p>Cannot be blanket coverage as far as exemptions for different requirements.</p> <p>The ARTAC Committee is unsure if the state has communicated with clinical agencies regarding these new changes to the law.</p> <p>The “current” verbiage in clinical affiliation agreements: It would be a best practice to reference OHA OAR 049-030. Even if clinical affiliation agreements are not up to date according to the correct verbiage, schools will need to comply with this law now and work on getting these agreements updated as soon as possible with new agreements or amendments.</p> <p>Clinical Partners will notify the schools – once an exemption has been accepted with OHA. Education Partners will need to comply with the accepted exemption.</p> <p>If there are hesitations from students or faculty in regards to a required vaccination by OHA, please see the <a href="#">Table of Standards</a>. Medical exemptions are only valid for allergies, etc, but if a student/faculty member declares religious exemption, this exemption is not accepted for required vaccinations. If a student or faculty member wants an exemption for a “recommended” immunization such as: polio, influenza, and/or COVID-19, both medical and religious (non-medical) exemptions are allowed.</p> <p>Background checks and drug screenings are valid for only 3 months before students begin clinical rotations. If a student is on a Leave of Absence or waitlist to get into nursing school, the students must renew their background check and drug screening no more than 3 months prior to the starting their clinical rotation(s). Students that matriculate, their background check and drug screening are valid for the life of the program, if they do not take a leave of absence from nursing school.</p> <p>Annual TB Education according to CDC guidelines. Based off these free resources, hopefully TB education will suffice for clinical partners and will not require exemptions (such as obtaining an annual TB test).</p>	<p>Megan will follow-up with ACEMAPP to figure out what is best for consortium members who are based out of Washington State and have clinical placements in Washington State.</p> <p>According to what the OAR 409-030-0100, clinical partners and education partners will need to start implementing and making changes now.</p> <p>Hollie shared free resources with Megan for clinical partners to implement.</p>
Treasurer Report	Due to time restraints, this was tabled for February’s 2024 General Partners meeting.	Carri plans to present at February’s meeting.
Meeting Adjourned 3:00 pm  Recorder: Kathleen Finch		